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WHEELER DIES FROM INJURY

Kniseley, who Threw the Stone, Surrenders Himself to the Officers of the law and is brought to jail-

Tragedy Created Excitement in the Neighborhood of Johnstown and is Greatly Deplored by friends of both Parties.

The tragedy which was enacted at Johnstown and startled the entire county on account of the prominence of the parties connected therewith has resulted fatally. John Wheeler is dead. The one who murdered him is behind the bars and the community is saddened. Every one who knows the parties to the affair deeply deplore the matter and would do almost anything to bring the victim back to life and restore the murderer to liberty, if it could have been changed.

It will be remembered that Ernest Kniseley, aged 36 years, and John Wheeler, aged 46 years, quarreled over a bunch of furs last Thursday and finally Kniseley picked up a large stone and struck Wheeler on the back of the head, inflicting a fatal wound. Wheeler died at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was buried Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at that place.

Kniseley had not fled the country as was at first believed and he surrendered himself yesterday afternoon to Squire Lewis at that place. The Justice committed him to jail and George Lewis, special Constable, brought him here that morning and placed him behind the bars to answer an indictment by the next grand jury.

Davis & Davis, Kniseley's attorneys, mailed a petition this afternoon to Judge Mason at Fairmont, asking that he be permitted to give bail of \$4,000.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

It Begins in Earnest with the Good Weather Monday.

Christmas shopping began in earnest Monday morning. The weather, which had been very disagreeable nearly all of last week, was clear and bright, and those who had put off their Christmas buying until the weather cleared, were afforded a splendid opportunity to visit the various stores for the purpose of selecting their presents. A great number of the country people came in the city to make purchases. The morning trains bringing many passengers.

HOLIDAY VACATION

Of the Public Schools Begin Next Tuesday.

The holiday vacation of the Public Schools will commence next Tuesday and will continue until after New Years. The studies will be resumed on Monday, January 5. In the primary and grammar grades, the last day will be taken up with appropriate exercises as is the usual custom. The children are anxiously awaiting the holiday vacation and are already counting the days until Christmas.

RELATIVES

Of Brakeman Killed at Benwood Live at Peoria.

The relatives of W. W. Moore, the Baltimore & Ohio brakeman killed at Benwood November 4th, have been located. They live at Peoria, in Harrison county, and have been at Benwood to get information about the death of the ill-fated railroad. The remains of the brakeman were kept for 10 days and buried by the county at McMechen. The body may be disinterred later and brought to Harrison county, but no arrangements have been made for it yet.

CHRISTMAS IN JAIL

Two Men. Fined for Drunkenness Will Spend Holiday Behind Bars.

Two of the municipality's regulars were up before Mayor Crile this morning on the usual charge—drunkenness. After giving them a severe lecture, the Mayor fined them each five dollars and costs. They were unable to raise the needed and were sent to the county jail for five days. This sentence will not expire until Friday night and therefore the men will have to spend their Christmas this year in jail.

PROSECUTION

Will Not be Made of Parties Who Had B. & O. Jacks.

A. C. Caton, B. & O. policeman, went to Grafton today for the purpose of taking to the shops at that place the two jacks which were stolen from a wreck train at O'Neil mines in November. The parties from whom the jacks were recovered are responsible people and they claimed that they plowed them up. The case will not be prosecuted.

WRONG MAN

Arrested at Grafton for Throwing Stone.

Policeman Ray of the B. & O. police force arrested a man at Grafton yesterday upon the charge of having thrown a stone through a passenger car window at Kanawha station a few weeks ago. He is believed not to be the proper party and will probably be released.

J. B. Martin is a prominent Bridgeport citizen here to-day.

REVERSED

Was Appeal Case from This County.

Supreme Court Adjourns Until January 6.

In the Supreme Court of Appeals Saturday the following decisions were handed down:
Snyder vs. Loan Company, from Tucker county; opinion by Judge Poffenbarger; reversed and dismissed.

Butler vs. Thompson, from Tucker county; opinion by Judge Poffenbarger; reversed and remanded.

Hamilton vs. McKinney, from Tucker county; opinion by Judge Poffenbarger; affirmed.

Lesage vs. Lesage, from Cabell county; opinion by Judge McWhorter; affirmed.

Morrison vs. Clarksburg Coal Company, from Harrison county; reversed; Poffenbarger files note concurring in the opinion.

Batson vs. Finley, from Taylor county; opinion by Judge Brannon; reversed in part and remanded.

Ferry Company vs. Russell, from Tyler county; opinion by Judge Brannon; reversed and dismissed.

State vs. Horner from Doddridge county; opinion by Judge Dent; affirmed.

Hutton vs. Holt and Hutton from Randolph county; opinion by Judge Dent; mandamus refused.

E. P. Richardson vs. McConaughy, from Marshall county; opinion by Judge Dent; dismissed.

In the case of the Board against Henry, from Ohio county, the writ of error was refused.

In the case of Lorentz vs. Pinnell, from Upshur county, an appeal was allowed with a bond of \$700.

The court adjourned until January 6th in order to give attorneys an opportunity to file petitions in rehearings.

BOARD BILL

Got George Maxwell Into Bastille for One Day.

George Maxwell was arrested Saturday by the constables and placed in jail upon the charge of failing to pay his landlady, Mrs. Trussler, a board bill of \$7.50. Sunday evening Squire David was sent for to release him, the parties in interest having arranged for him to pay the bill. The magistrate went to his office. Maxwell was brought before him and the formality of releasing him by dismissing the warrant was gone through with.

BUILDING MOVED

West Virginia Transfer Company Complete Difficult Contract.

The frame building recently occupied by the Mountain State Gas Company was moved Saturday night from the Irwin heirs property at the corner of Third and Pike streets to the Latstetter property on Pike street next door to the Globe Clothing House. The West Virginia Transfer & Storage Company had the contract for the moving. It was quite a difficult job, the building being a long one and the streets narrow. For a short time the street car tracks were blocked, but the cars were sent around the other way. The building was moved away to make room for the handsome new brick and stone business building to be erected by the Irwin heirs.

FIRE

Makes Two Adamston Families Homeless.

Two Story Building at Adamston Burned to Ground.

Children Rescued by Heroic Efforts of Neighbors.

A two story house at Adamston belonging to Mrs. Mary Banks, widow of the late James Banks, burned to the ground Sunday morning. The house was occupied by Milton and Deming Thomas and their families. Neither of the men were at home. Men on the Short Line discovered the roof all ablaze at 9 o'clock. They gave the alarm and the neighborhood gathered swiftly but not in time to save the house. The families who occupied the place did not know any thing of the fire until the roof was practically burned off. A door had to be broken in to save the four or five children. This was done just in time as it was but a few moments afterward the building collapsed.

Everything the occupants of the house had was destroyed. The losses of the two families will reach \$600 each with no insurance. It is all the more distressing on account of the fact that they lost all and are out of house and home.

The building was a two story frame in good condition. It was uninsured and the loss to Mrs. Banks amounts to \$800.

Only by heroic efforts was a small house adjacent to the one destroyed, saved. It was occupied by a man named Lightner. He was not aroused until the building was full of smoke and then he showed no disposition to get up. The fire fighters had to finally drag him out of bed. If the house had caught fire sooner he would doubtless have been burned to death.

The blaze caused much excitement in that suburb and practically the entire neighborhood turned out to witness and to fight the blaze.

The homeless families are being temporarily cared for by neighbors. The origin of the blaze is a mystery.

WEDDING

Will be Solemnized at Home of Bride-Elect's Parents.

A marriage license was issued this morning bright and early to Mr. Zaquilla B. Cochran, of Taylor county, and Miss Ingabab Moyer, of near Oral, this county. They will be married at the home of the bride-elect's parents tomorrow evening. Rev. W. M. Davis, a well known Baptist minister, will perform the ceremony. The groom-elect is a son of Aaron Cochran and is one of Taylor county's leading young school teachers. The bride-elect is a daughter of John Moyer and a popular young lady in her neighborhood.

RESIGNS

Fireman Howe Gives Notice to Chief Isenhart.

Fireman George Howe has given notice to Chief of the Fire Department George Isenhart, that he will relinquish his duties as Fireman No. 2 on January 1, 1903. Mr. Howe resigns his position on account of ill health. Chief Isenhart will probably appoint a man to fill the position thus caused vacant until the city council can elect a new man, or affirm the selection made by the chief.

STATISTICS

Of City as Shown in a Prepared Statement.

For the Director of the Census at Washington.

Collector John R. Steel, assisted by Hon. M. M. Thompson, has prepared a statistical statement of the City of Clarksburg, under the Act of Congress passed March 3, 1899, as amended March 6, 1902, for the Director of Census of the Department of the Interior, which is too long to publish in full, but from which we obtain the following interesting data:

BONDS.			
Purpose Issued	Interest	Amount Issued	Amount Owed
Water Works	5 p. c.	\$50,000	
Water Works	5 p. c.	10,000	\$47,700
Paving	4 p. c.	25,000	25,000
Sewerage	4 p. c.	15,000	15,000

In the water bonds, first issued, the City reserved the right to pay the whole thereof after October 1st, 1897, and a similar provision was incorporated in those issued for the repair of the water works. The paving and sewerage bonds can be discharged in full at any time after five years from the issue thereof, if the City elects to do so. The interest on the water bonds has been paid to October 1st, 1902, and on the paving and sewerage bonds until June 1st, 1902. The issue of paving and sewerage bonds, aggregating \$40,000, sold for \$41,000. After treating matters in detail, the report shows that there is no unfunded or floating debt; no temporary loans, and no outstanding warrants, and that the statement is brought up to April 21st, 1902. The Council aims each year to contract no debt but what is provided for and is paid out of the levy of that year, and any unpaid claim at end of year must be very small, if any. No statistics as to the year 1902 were given, as that year does not end until April, 1903, and beside the illness of City Clerk, Mr. Roy Alexander, prevented the obtaining the details.

Mr. Steel, however, says that he has made the collections this year as follows:

Taxes,	\$20,172.19
Licenses,	12,641.35
Fines,	7,432.33

The report concludes by saying that the City has no sinking fund. Each year the Council makes a special levy to cover interest on bonds and the amount of principal the City proposes to pay that year. The interest has always been paid and principal reduced as deemed advisable by Council, and then gives a comparison showing the increased assessable value of property, both personal and real, in the years 1900, 1901 and 1902.

BISHOP PETERKIN

Unable to Visit Christ Church Sunday on Account of Illness.

Owing to an unexpected illness, Bishop Peterkin was not able to visit Christ Church parish Sunday. A telegram was received by Rev. Cooke Saturday night from the Bishop at Parkersburg which stated that he was suffering from tonsillitis and that he would be unable to make the trip. Arrangements will be made for his visit in the near future.

Gives New Bond

Henry Schnarr, a Salem gaming house keeper, was arrested this morning, his bondsman, Charles W. Moore, having surrendered him and having refused to longer stand sponsor for him. He gave a new bond of \$1,000 this afternoon before Circuit Clerk E. C. Tetrick.

BOLD BURGLARY AT POINT COMFORT

Unknown White Man Enters the Home of M. B. Childs at the Rising Hour and Steals Watch and Money From Clothes.

Chased From the House by Mr. Childs After He is Awakened by Noise, but Burglar Makes His Escape—No Clue Except Screw Driver.

DEATH

Claims Thurman Britt at San Antonio, Texas.

Succumbs to Consumption—Burial at Suffolk, Va.

Thurman Britt is dead in San Antonio, Texas. A message received here last night by his brothers, Dudley and Sidney, contained the sad intelligence that his death ensued at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His demise was caused by consumption. The deceased spent last winter in the South and returned in midsummer much improved. He continued to improve during his stay here but about five weeks ago he left for the South again. It was his intention to go to California later in the winter, if he did not find relief in Texas, but the past few days he grew rapidly worse and passed away before his relatives could go to him. He was 28 years of age. The interment will be at his old home in Suffolk, Va. During the time Mr. Britt was a resident of this city he made many warm friends. The news of his death is received with sadness and regret.

EMINENT LECTURER

Secured For Lecture on Y. M. C. A. Star Course.

The Young Men's Christian Association has secured for a lecture at the Traders Grand Opera house on Tuesday evening, December 23, John B. DeMotte, A. M., M. D., Ph. D. who will talk on 'The Harp of the Senses.' Russell H. Conwell says of Dr. De Motte: "I congratulate you on securing this great lecturer for your course. There is none greater than he. He will do you good and all will be eminently pleased."

The general admission for this number of the star course will be 30c, reserved seats 50c. The tickets are now on sale at Robinson's jewelry store.

To Change Road Bed.

There is a general belief that the B. & O. will make a great change in its road bed between Clarksburg and Confluence by a relocation of the route in the spring. This has been talked of for several years, but it is now said to be settled upon and that work will begin with the approach of good weather.

Bridgeport will have a show at the K. of P. hall there to-night. The troupe will play what has been advertised as "Jesse James." The name is suggestive of a desperate time and no doubt a lot of people will attend.

A very bold burglary was committed in Point Comfort at 4 o'clock this morning. The burglar entered the residence of M. B. Childs, a carpenter employed on the Armstrong, Crislip, Day & Company building in Glen Elk. He entered the kitchen through a rear window and ransacked the lower part of the house without getting anything of value. Then he went up stairs and entered the bedroom of Mr. Childs, where Mr. and Mrs. Childs and the children were sleeping. He boldly went to the head of the bed and took down Mr. Childs' clothes. From the vest he secured \$5 in money and a gold watch. He took about \$6 out of Mr. Childs' pants pockets. The value of the watch and money amounted to \$27.

Then he undertook to open the trunk in the room, but made a noise which awoke Mr. Childs. The latter got up hurriedly and when he raised up in bed the burglar took to his heels. He ran toward the kitchen but Childs did not get sight of him after he left the bedroom.

When Mr. Childs reached the kitchen door he found the door locked. At that juncture he heard a commotion among the children and his wife up stairs and ran back up there, thinking the burglar might have returned to the bedroom.

In the meantime the burglar jumped out of the kitchen window and escaped. Mr. Childs found a small screw driver on the outside of the house near the window and also saw tracks in the mud. These are the only clues he has and it is scarcely probable the burglar will ever be identified or apprehended.

THE HUB RESTAURANT

Sold at Public Auction to Satisfy Creditors.

The dining room and kitchen fixtures, etc., of this Hub Restaurant were sold at public auction from the front steps of the court house this afternoon by Justice of the Peace S. W. Gordon. The auction is the result of attachment proceedings brought by different parties against the restaurant which was purchased by Johnson Brothers some two or three months ago.

CHARTER

Issued to New Coal Company at Enterprise.

The Enterprise Coal and Development Company, of Enterprise, this county has been chartered to buy land and to improve, cultivate and sell same. Thomas L. Nutter, James Lawlis, E. J. Storm, Thomas McIntire, F. W. Sturm, of Enterprise, are the incorporators.